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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Chairman David N. Henderson, Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, re Ervin Bill (S. 782)

1. This morning I called Mr. Henderson and told him of:

a. our unsuccessful meeting with Senator Ervin on 24 February 1969;

b. our conversation with Senator Eastland, who had advised us to request a hearing before his full Committee if we were unsuccessful in appearing before Senator Ervin's Subcommittee;

c. the apparently sympathetic attitude of Senator John L. McClellan;

d. our coordination with other executive agencies.

2. Mr. Henderson fully concurred in Senator Eastland's suggestion that we try to get our case before the full Committee if we are unsuccessful before the Ervin Subcommittee. He also recommended continued efforts to mobilize other executive agencies to present a common front. He promised to pass on to us any information on the subject which came to his attention, and renewed his assurance of full support so far as he personally is concerned.

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1. [] Met with Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and brought him up-to-date on developments on the Ervin bill (S. 782). I mentioned that Messrs. Maury and Houston had talked with Senator Ervin without any apparent success, that we had discussed our problems with the bill with Senators Jackson and McClellan during their visit to the Agency last Saturday and that we had also talked with Senator Eastland. I pointed out that Senators Jackson, McClellan, and Eastland seemed sympathetic to our position and we hoped for their support. Braswell now shares our concern that Senator Ervin may report this bill out of his Subcommittee without further hearings. In this connection, I mentioned that the Director had written to Senator Ervin regarding an opportunity to appear before his Subcommittee in executive session to state the Agency's problem. Braswell also agrees with us that the best place to try to accomplish our purpose 25X1 is within the Judiciary Committee framework.

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